

A Report on



Fiscal Year 2005 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian Organizations

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Tribal Preservation Program**



INTRODUCTION

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to Indian tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. Now in its fourteenth year, this grant program assists American Indians and Alaska Natives in protecting and promoting their unique cultural traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by Indian tribes. Tribal representatives defined "historic preservation from a tribal perspective" in a National Park Service report to Congress in 1990. *Keepers of the Treasures -- Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Land* describes, in the words of Indian people, what they are concerned with protecting. Native language, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices are all part of preservation from a tribal perspective. The grants selected in Fiscal Year 2005 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, approximately \$17.1 million has been awarded to **463** Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 2005, a total of \$753,208 is being awarded to 23 communities for a broad range of historic preservation projects. The projects selected for funding are summarized below.

GRANT SELECTION PROCESS

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations were invited to submit grant applications to support historic preservation projects and promote the continuation of living cultural traditions.

The application guidelines listed five major categories of eligible activities for Historic Preservation Fund grants: locating and identifying cultural resources, preserving a historic property listed on the National Register, preservation planning, oral history and documenting cultural traditions, and education and training projects in historic and cultural preservation.

Grant applications and application guidelines were mailed in December 2004 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations, and to others on a mailing list of over 1,400 individuals and organizations. In all, 102 proposals were received requesting approximately \$3.785 million.

Panels of experts who met in Washington, D.C. April 19, 2005, evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Reviewers were asked to consider the following in evaluating applications:

1. How does this project address a critical cultural or historic preservation issue for the tribe?
2. Are the project objectives, activities, and desired results (products) well designed, thought-through, and achievable?
3. Will qualified people carry out the project?
4. Is the project budget clear and reasonable?
5. Is there demonstrable commitment to this project by the tribe?
6. What is the lasting impact on and benefit to the tribe if the project is successfully completed?

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**Fiscal Year 2005 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to
Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians**

Tribe [State]	Amount
Blackfeet Tribe (MT)	\$ 39,970
Calista Elders Council (AK)	\$ 39,160
Chitimacha Tribe (LA)	\$ 40,000
Citizen Potawatomi Nation (OK)	\$ 18,440
Comanche Nation (OK)	\$ 20,663
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (MI)	\$ 13,165
Hualapai Tribal Council (AZ)	\$ 39,491
Huslia Tribal Council (AK)	\$ 19,735
Kawerak, Inc. (AK)	\$ 39,936
Kenaitze Indian Tribe (AK)	\$ 23,526
Kialegee Tribal Town (OK)	\$ 31,188
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (WI)	\$ 22,057
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (MI)	\$ 40,000
Mashantucket Pequot (CT)	\$ 39,558
Peoria Tribe of Indians (OK)	\$ 25,000
Ponca Tribe (NE)	\$ 20,013
Port Gambell S'Kallam Tribe (WA)	\$ 36,159
Pueblo of Zia (NM)	\$ 38,557
Santa Clara Pueblo (NM)	\$ 38,713
Sealaska Corporation (AK)	\$ 38,962
Sitka Tribe (AK)	\$ 39,666
Sokaogon Chippewa Community (WI)	\$ 60,000
Squaxin Island Tribe (WA)	\$ 29,249
TOTAL	\$753,208

**FY 2005 Project Descriptions
Historic Preservation Fund Grants**

Alaska

Tribe: **Calista Elders Council**
Project Title: **Calista Yup'ik Elders Cultural and Oral History Topic Specific Gatherings**
Grant Award: **\$39,160.00**
Description: The Calista Elder's Council will host four topic specific gatherings in order to interview the Yup'ik Elders and involve Yup'ik young people allowing the sharing of traditional and cultural Yup'ik knowledge, wisdom, lifeways and values.

Tribe: **Huslia Tribal Council**
Project Title: **Survey of Koyukon Traditional Knowledge in Huslia, Alaska**
Grant Award: **\$19,735.00**
Description: The primary purpose of this project is to document those traditional skills and knowledge through a comprehensive survey of Huslia residents. In addition, the survey will allow the Tribal Council to prioritize a long-term cultural preservation research program.

Tribe: **Kawerak, Inc.**
Project Title: **Bering Strait Cultural Heritage Preservation Project**
Grant Award: **\$39,936.00**
Description: Funds will support the documentation of the elders' knowledge of local plants and animals, weather conditions, traditional tools, traditional sewing, traditional food preparation skills, historical customs, rituals, spiritual belief, songs, stories, and hunting and subsistence practices.

Tribe: **Kenaitze Indian Tribe**
Project Title: **Kalifornsky Village Cultural Resource Management Plan**
Grant Award: **\$23,526.00**
Description: Funds for this project will support the research and planning for the physical preservation of Kalifornsky Village, a preeminent cultural and spiritual center of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, Dena'ina Athabascans of the Kenai Peninsula in south central Alaska.

Tribe: **Sealaska Corporation**
Project Title: **Songs of the Past: A Key to Understanding History**
Grant Award: **\$38,962.00**
Description: This project will document 16 Tlingit clan songs pertaining to origin and migration stories, along with any associated oral history and dance movements through interview with clan members and elders.

Tribe: **Sitka Tribe**
Project Title: **Sheet'ka Kwaan Aani Aya - A Traditional Cultural Sites Documentation Project**
Grant Award: **\$39,666.00**
Description: Funds will allow the Sitka Tribe of Alaska to inventory traditional cultural places within their traditional territory.

Arizona

Tribe: **Hualapai Tribal Council**
Project Title: **Hualapai Cultural Atlas**
Grant Award: **\$39,491.00**
Description: This project proposes to identify and compile places of traditional cultural significance to the Hualapai Tribe and create a GIS database with accompanying historical information.

Connecticut

Tribe: **Mashantucket Pequot – Museum and Research Center**
Project Title: **Identifying Archaeological Resources at Mashantucket: Field Surveys and Science Learning**
Grant Award: **\$39,558.00**
Description: This grant will fund the archaeological survey of a 300 acre parcel within the National Historic Landmark Mashantucket Pequot Indian Reservation Archaeological District, located on the southwest side of Cedar Swamp, to the north of the historic 18th century Pequot settlement known as Indiantown.

Louisiana

Tribe: **Chitimacha Tribe**
Project Title: **Archaeological Survey of Caqaad Kaskec Namu and Other Chitimacha Sites**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: The primary objective of this project is the identification of historic properties, which include archaeological sites and traditional cultural sites on Chitimacha tribal lands, which encompass the village named Caqaad Kaskec Namu.

Michigan

Tribe: **Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians**
Project Title: **Grand Traverse Band Historic Preservation Training Project**
Grant Award: **\$13,165.00**
Description: The purpose of this project is to provide training to the Tribe's Historic Preservation Committee in order to build their capacity to preserve and share the Tribe's invaluable history.

Tribe: **Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**
Project Title: **Let's Spend a Day With Our Elders**
Grant Award: **\$40,000.00**
Description: Funds will support the production of DVDs and videos showing Tribal Elders making Black Ash baskets and Quill baskets and the preparation of traditional medicines.

Montana

Tribe: **Blackfeet Tribe**
Project Title: **Bear River Massacre of 1870: Location and Protection**
Grant Award: **\$39,970.00**
Description: This project seeks to locate the actual site of the Bear River Massacre of 1870, where on January 23, 1870, Colonel Eugene Baker of the United States Army attacked a sleeping Blackfeet encampment that was suffering from the effects of smallpox. In addition, funds will be used to nominate the site for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Nebraska

Tribe: **Ponca Tribe**
Project Title: **Comprehensive Cemetery Mapping Project**
Grant Award: **\$20,013.00**
Description: Funds will be used to map all marked and unmarked gravesites in the National Register listed historic Ponca cemetery.

New Mexico

Tribe: **Pueblo of Zia**
Project Title: **Collecting, Documenting and Archiving Zia Oral History and Cultural Traditions**
Grant Award: **\$38,557.00**
Description: The goal of this project is to collect, archive and preserve oral history materials, such as tribal folk stories, personal histories, and descriptions of tribal traditions, in order to enhance Zia's cultural preservation program.

Tribe: **Santa Clara Pueblo**
Project Title: **Preservation Planning for Puye Village and Cliff Dwellings**
Grant Award: **\$38,713.00**
Description: Puye Village and cliff dwellings, a National Historic Landmark, is at great risk, threatened by structural collapse, masonry deterioration, and landscape erosion resulting from the Cerro Grande fire of May 2000. Funds will support the development of a preservation plan for this important site.

Oklahoma

Tribe: **Citizen Potawatomi Nation**
Project Title: **Citizen Potawatomi Tribal Heritage Project: "Sharing Our Voice"**
Grant Award: **\$18,440.00**
Description: Funds will support the indexing and cataloguing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's oral history collection developed by their Tribal Heritage Project and assist in the continuing archival efforts to preserve their oral history and heritage.

Tribe: **Comanche Nation**

Project Title: **Comanche Nation Cultural Preservation Project**
Grant Award: **\$20,663.00**
Description: This oral history project is designed to gather cultural and historic information from Comanche tradition bearers focusing upon traditional moopeets (monster), kawos (changling), and eesa (coyote) stories.

Tribe: **Kialegee Tribal Town**
Project Title: **Kialegee Historic Farm Property Surveys**
Grant Award: **\$31,188.00**
Description: The primary goal of this project is to survey and document three historic barns and other associated features established by Kialegee citizens during the 1930s under an agricultural initiative of the Kialegee government.

Tribe: **Peoria Tribe of Indians**
Project Title: **Project Planning for Preservation of the Peoria Indian Schoolhouse**
Grant Award: **\$25,000.00**
Description: Funds will support the preparation of working drawings, architectural plans and a detailed analysis of specific and exact repair work needed to preserve the Peoria Indian Schoolhouse.

Washington

Tribe: **Port Gambell S'Klallam Tribe**
Project Title: **S'Klallam History and Cultural Traditions-Preserving S'Klallam Family History**
Grant Award: **\$36,159.00**
Description: This oral history project will build upon the Tribe's current archival material and expand and further substantiate the recorded knowledge of the Tribe's history through interviews with the tribal elders.

Tribe: **Squaxin Island Tribe**
Project Title: **Squaxin/DNR Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey**
Grant Award: **\$29,249.00**
Description: Through this grant the Squaxin Island Tribe, in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, plans to complete a comprehensive archaeological and traditional cultural properties survey to determine what cultural resources remain on the landscape of the Skookum Inlet Natural Area Preserve, Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve and Woodard Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area.

Wisconsin

Tribe: **Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**
Project Title: **"Ishkonigaadeg Waaswaaganing Anishinaabe Izichigewin" - Our Indian Ways Are Preserved**
Grant Award: **\$22,057.00**
Description: The primary objective of this project is to convert the Tribe's oral history collection, pre-recorded recordings and duplicate existing audio and video into useable CD and DVD format.

Tribe: **Sokaogon Chippewa Community**
Project Title: **Historic Renovation of the Dinesen House**
Grant Award: **\$60,000.00**
Description: Funds will pay for the much needed repair of the roof, which has large holes letting in rain and snow into the Dinesen House, a National Register property.